

2024 FALL/WINTER RETIREMENT MEMORY BOOK



Find joy in the Journey



Dear 2024 Retirees,

On behalf of Pinellas County Schools, thank you for your dedication and service to our students and community. You have embodied our core values, and through your work, you have enriched the lives of countless students and families. Although you are retiring, please know that the impact you have made does not end. Teachers, and all Pinellas County Schools employees, touch lives in ways that carry on for generations to come.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Pinellas County Schools family. We wish you good health, happiness and great fulfillment in your next chapter. Congratulations.

Kevin Hendrick

Pinellas County Schools Superintendent



Dear 2024 Retirees,

On behalf of the School Board of Pinellas County, I would like to congratulate you on your retirement!

We are grateful that you have chosen to leave your mark on education. Many thanks to you - the educators, support professionals, and administrators for your hard work and dedication. You have impacted thousands of students, leaving a legacy that will reverberate well into the future.

We wish you all the best as we celebrate your retirement from Pinellas County Schools.

Laura Hine

Chairperson of the Pinellas County School Board

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(November 2024)

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(Single Member District #6)

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(At Large District #3)

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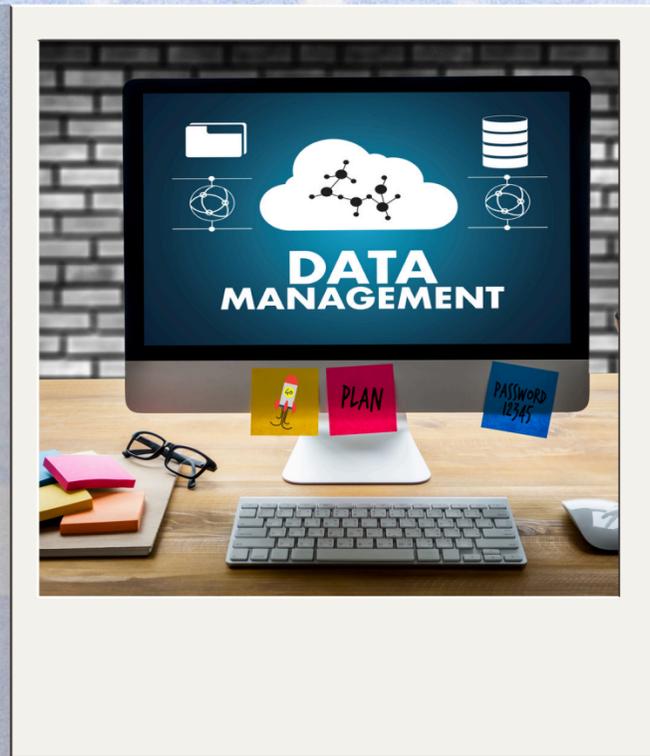
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Advance Studies and Academic Excellence

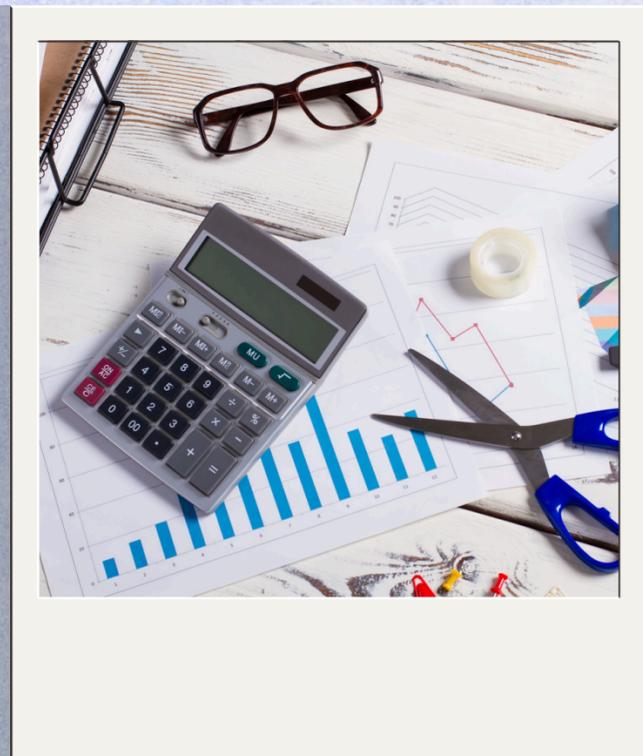


Marlene Abdo

Senior Data Management Technician,
20 Years of Service

Jean Patterson

Secretary III, 27 Years of Service



Anona Elementary



Jill Colby

Food and Nutrition Assistant,
10 Years of Service



Azalea Middle

Michael Samonek
Teacher,
21 Years of Service



Blanton Elementary



Lori Plomatos
Secretary Bookkeeper,
29 Years of Service

Boca Ciega High



Gerald Rafal
Behavior Specialist,
10 Years of Service

Daniel Yeazell
Teacher,
33 Years of Service



Calvin Hunsinger School

Peter Snyder
PE Teacher,
35 Years of Service



SRO Joseph J. Tenbieg

Police Officer, 15 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: Working as a SRO at Calvin Hunsinger School my entire career with the Schools Police Dept. I enjoyed working with and helping the kids with special needs.

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: Travel and spending time with my 4 kids and 9 grand kids.

Career, Technical, and Adult Education

Chester Powers

Information System
Microcomputer Specialist,
14 Years of Service



Chief Financial Office

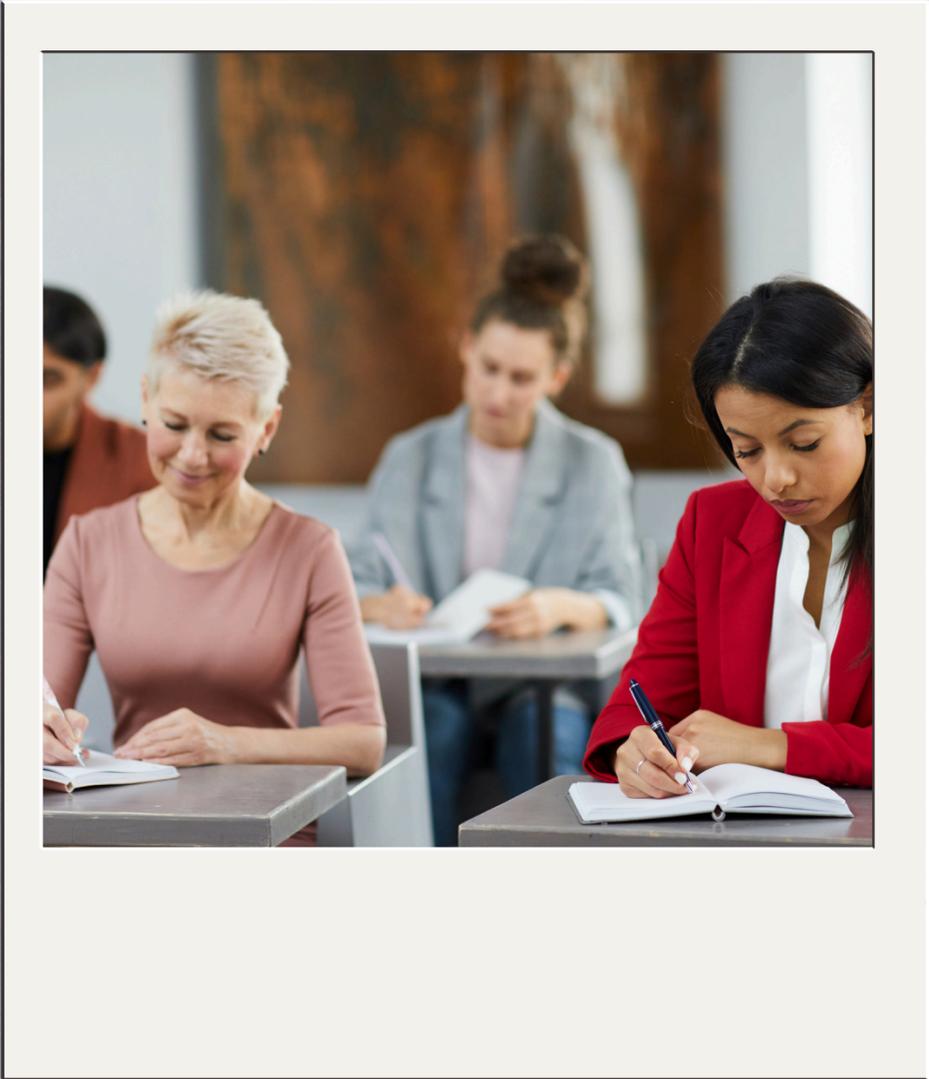


Karen Coffey

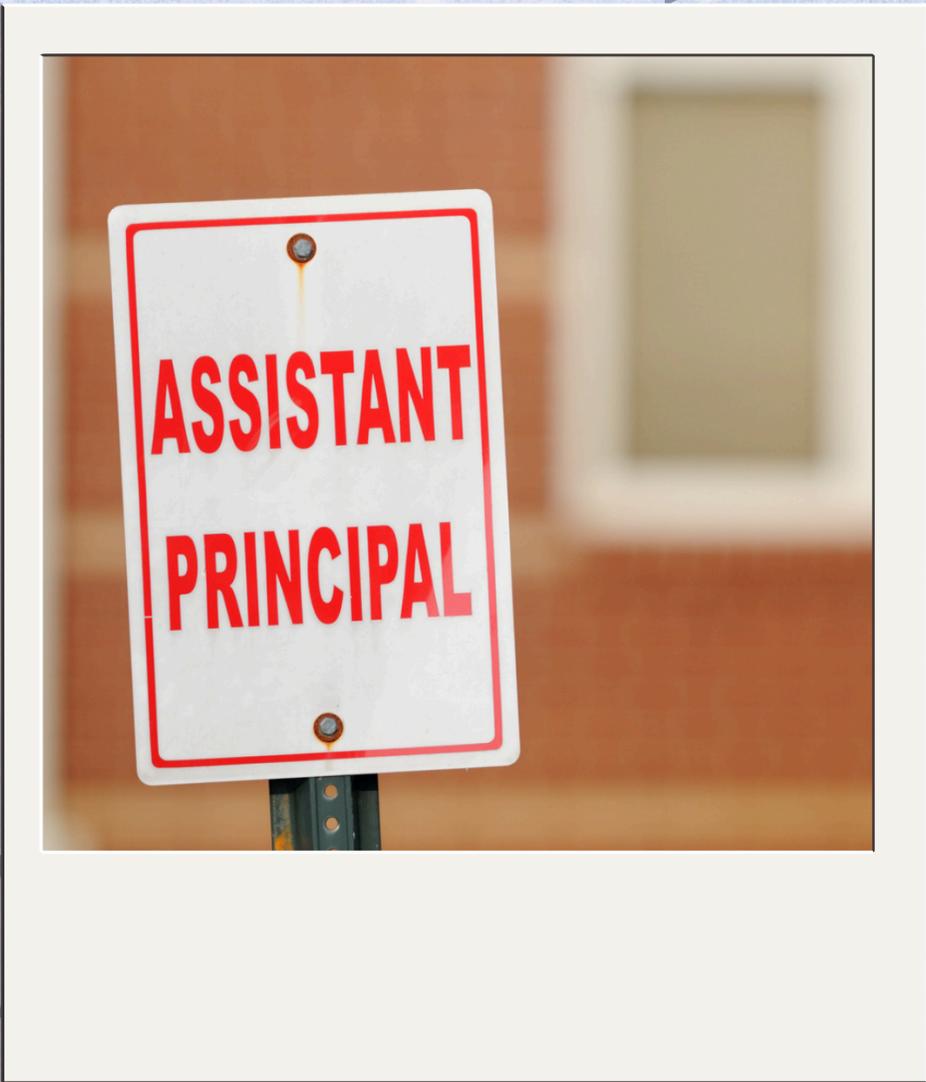
Administrator on Special Assignment,
30 Years of Service

Clearview Adult Education Center

Jeani Chua
Adult Teacher,
35 Years of Service



Clearwater Fundamental Middle



Paul Kurek
Assistant Principal,
33 Years of Service

Countryside High



John Angelo

Campus Activities Monitor OBS,
28 Years of Service



James Marudas

Teacher,
22 Years of Service



Sudarshana Peliyagoda

Paraprofessional,
11 Years of Service

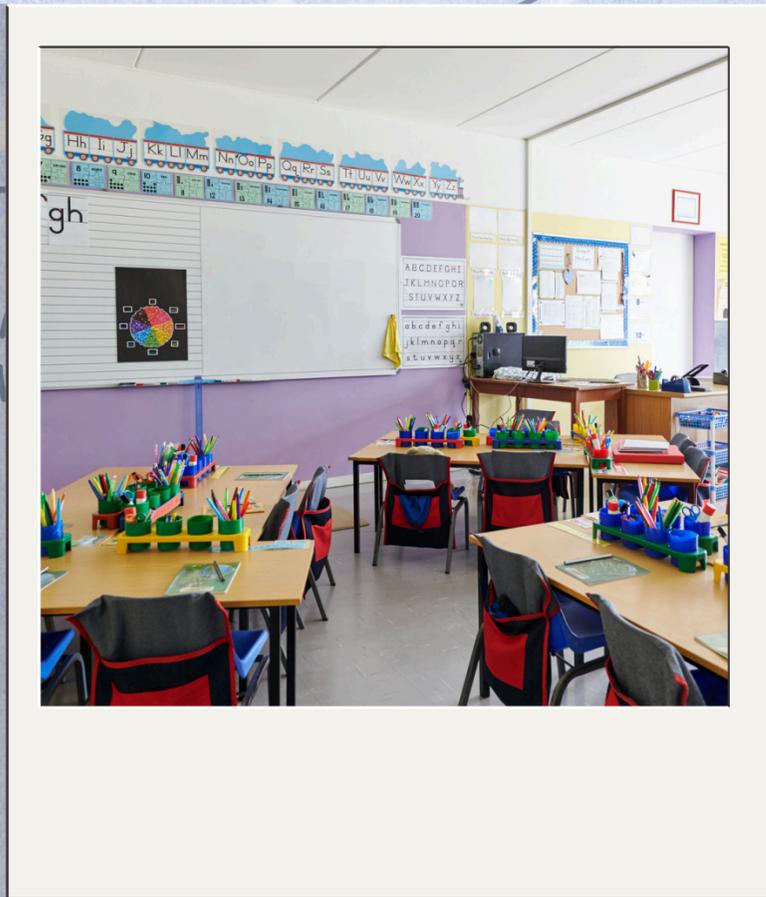
Cross Bayou Elementary

Carol Caudill

Teacher,
31 Years of Service



Curlew Creek Elementary



Laurie Curti
Teacher,
34 Years of Service

Judy Stiver

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
8 Years of Service



Curtis Fundamental Elementary



Sherra Jones
Teacher,
34 Years of Service



Dunedin Elementary



Marcy Kearns

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
22 Years of Service



Jeanette Morrison
Teacher, 19 Years of Service

Dunedin High

Elva Morales

School Office Clerk II,
19 Years of Service



East Lake High



Jennifer Anderson

Teacher, 38 Years of Service

Johanna Fisher

Teacher,
42 Years of Service



Catherine Foltz

Teacher,
37 Years of Service

East Lake High (continued)



Mary Heldt

Secretary IV,
19 Years of Service

Vicki Stewart

Teacher, 44 Years of Service



East Lake Middle

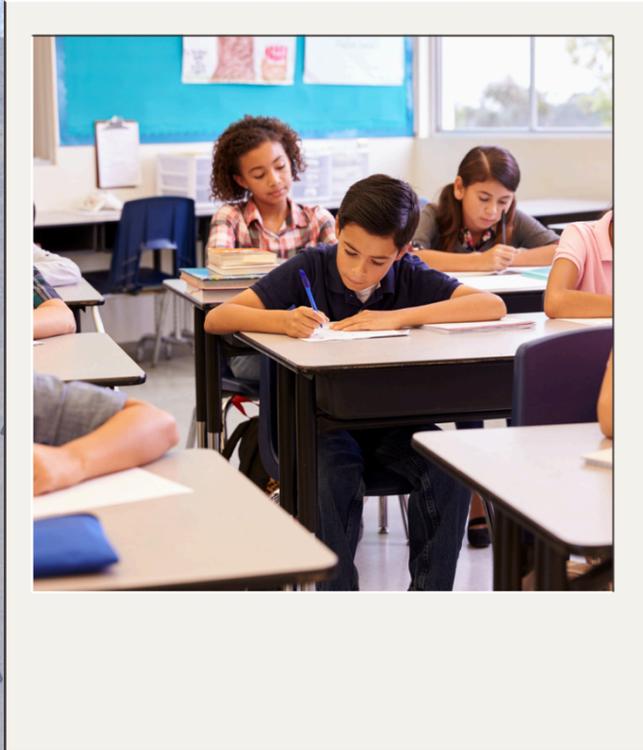


David Reid

Teacher, 15 Years of Service

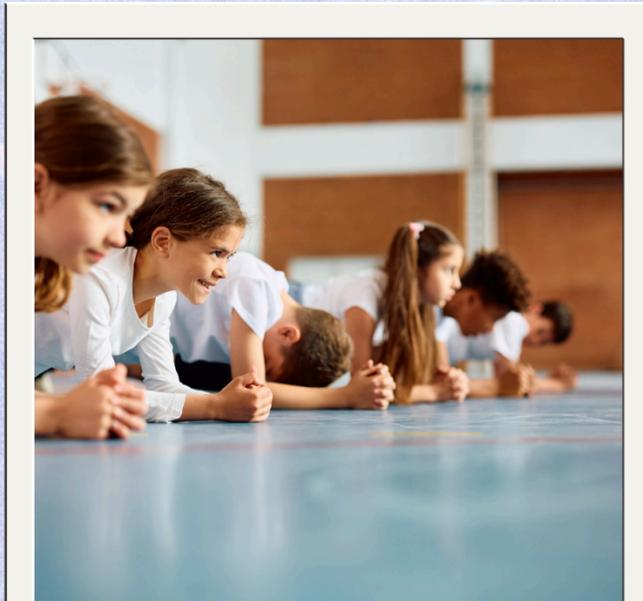


Eisenhower Elementary



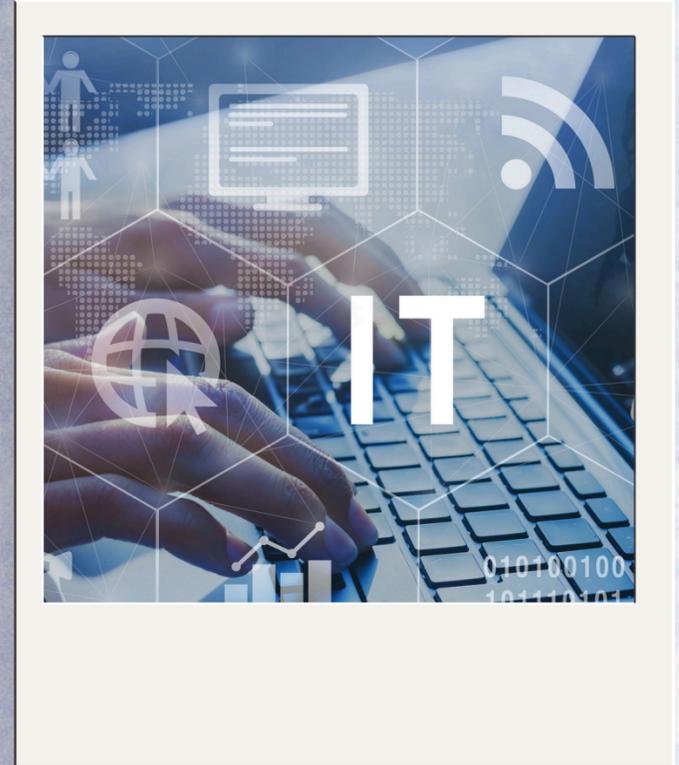
Karen Festa

Teacher,
38 Years of Service



Jeanclaude Leguichard

Physical Education Assistant,
34 Years of Service



Ana Quinones

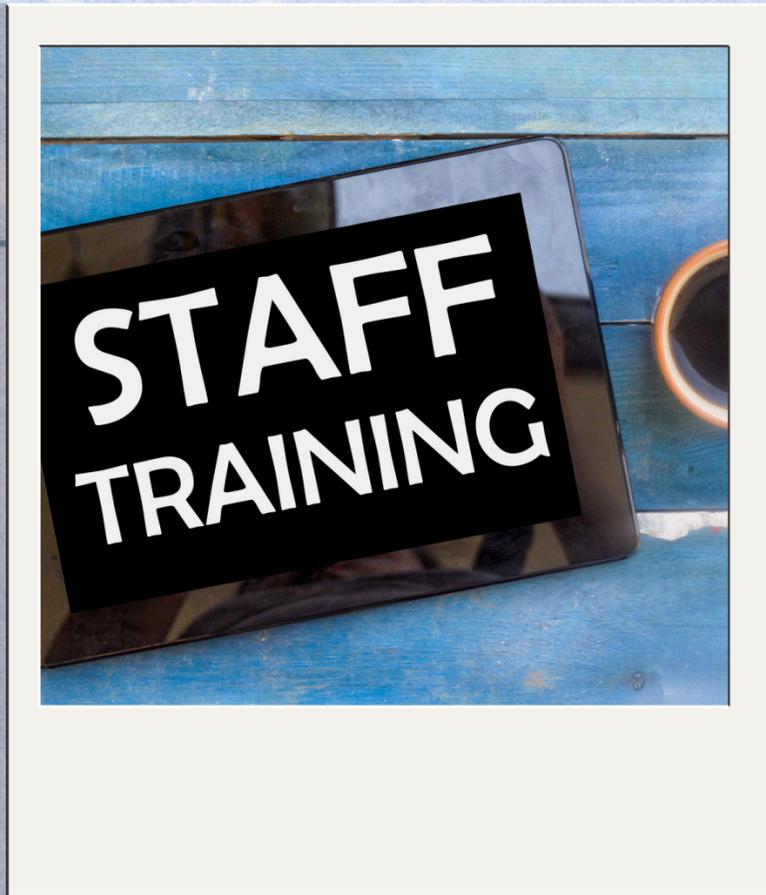
Data Management
Technician,
26 Years of Service

Fitzgerald Middle



Lisa Jones
Teacher,
11 Years of Service

Fuguitt Elementary



Kathleen Hagan

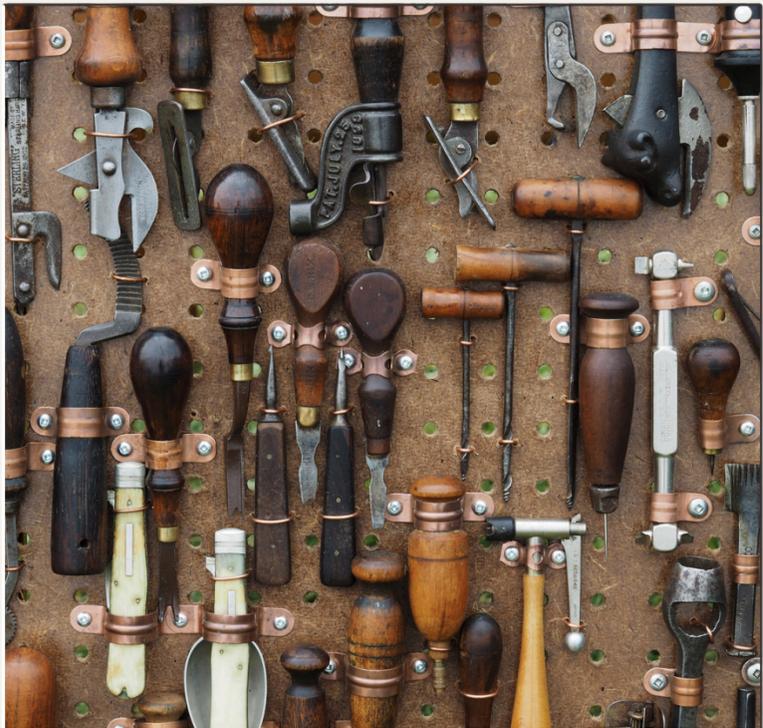
Instructional Staff Developer,
27 Years of Service

Mary Harris

Teacher, 12 Years of Service



Garrison-Jones Elementary



Rosa Carranza
Plant Operator, 10 Years of Service

Gus A. Stavros Institute



Leslie Tomlin
Resource Teacher,
36 Years of Service



Sandra "Sandi" Russell

Teacher Assistant,
29 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: I enjoyed the many golden teaching moments with students and lifelong friendships with staff. I enjoyed creating strong PTA boards, being a member of the Commitment to Character Development Committee and pilot program, being a founding member of Eisenhower Elementary's Panda Pearls, and tutoring students after school while their parents learned English. I had great fun playing in Eisenhower's Kazoo Band. I am proud to call you all my colleagues.

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: Spending more time with family, traveling, volunteering and sleeping in.

Highland Lakes Elementary



Cassandra Collins

Teacher,
32 Years of Service

John Hopkins Middle

Michele Stewart

Teacher, 28 Years of Service



Paula Stephens

Teacher, 26 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: I truly love seeing children "get it." That sweet moment when knowledge finally clicks in and understanding takes place. I treasure those memories.

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: I look forward to traveling.



Lake St. George Elementary

Fatime Tushe

Food and Nutrition Assistant,
10 Years of Service



Lakeview Fundamental



Debra Panico

Teacher, 40 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: Watching the 5-year-olds learn how to read!

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: Mountain bike, travel, relax, and NOT set an alarm!

Largo Middle

Patricia Martin
Teacher,
17 Years of Service



Lealman Avenue Elementary



Cheryl Bradley
Teacher, 28 Years of Service

Lynch Elementary

Tara Al

Teacher, 22 Years of Service



Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8



Jeffrey Redett
Head Plant Operator,
21 Years of Service

Elizabeth Stang

Teacher, 29 Years of Service



Maintenance Services



Kevin Bennett

Electronics Technician - Journeyman,
13 Years of Service

Robert Lewis

Instrument Technical-Journeyman,
31 Years of Service



Maintenance Services (continued)



Robinn Prater
Clerk Specialist II,
30 Years of Service

Jeffrey Taylor
Appliance/Refrigeration
Technician-Journeyman,
11 Years of Service



Mangrove Bay Middle



Nancy Mapes
Food and Nutrition Assistant,
8 Years of Service

McMullen Booth Elementary



Donna Skelton

Medical-Behavior Assistant,
19 Years of Service

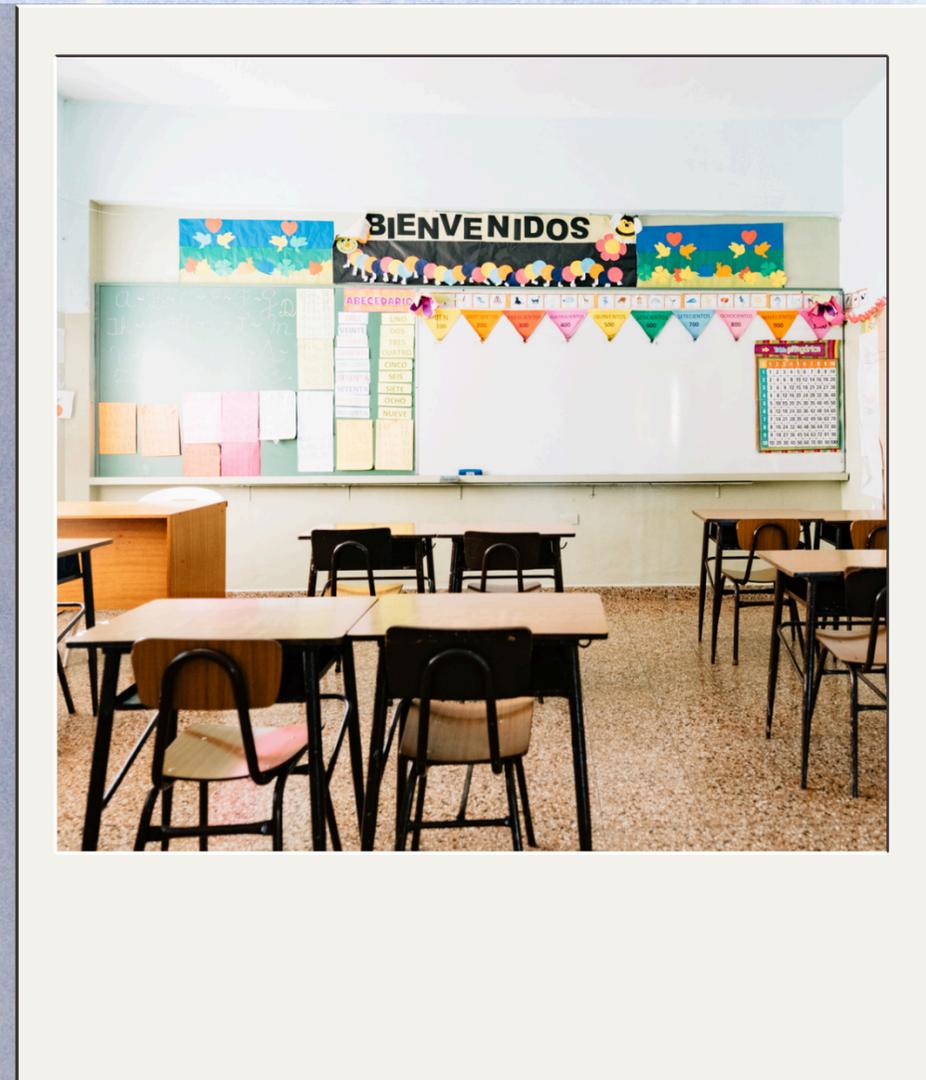
What is one of your favorite memories during your career:
Whenever one of my autistic non-verbal pre-k students started to say words!

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: I look forward to being more available to my family and spending time with them.

Meadowlawn Middle

Virginia Oliva

Teacher, 26 Years of Service



Midtown Academy



Deborah Davis

Teacher, 21 Years of Service

North Shore Elementary

Karen Schlemmer

Paraprofessional,
18 Years of Service



Northeast High



Carrie Grass
Teacher, 18 Years of Service

Northwest Elementary

Vanessa Byard

Teacher, 23 Years of Service



Phyllis Delaney

Paraprofessional,
23 Years of Service



Oakhurst Elementary

Michelle Fulle
Teacher,
33 Years of Service



Osceola Fundamental High



John Campbell

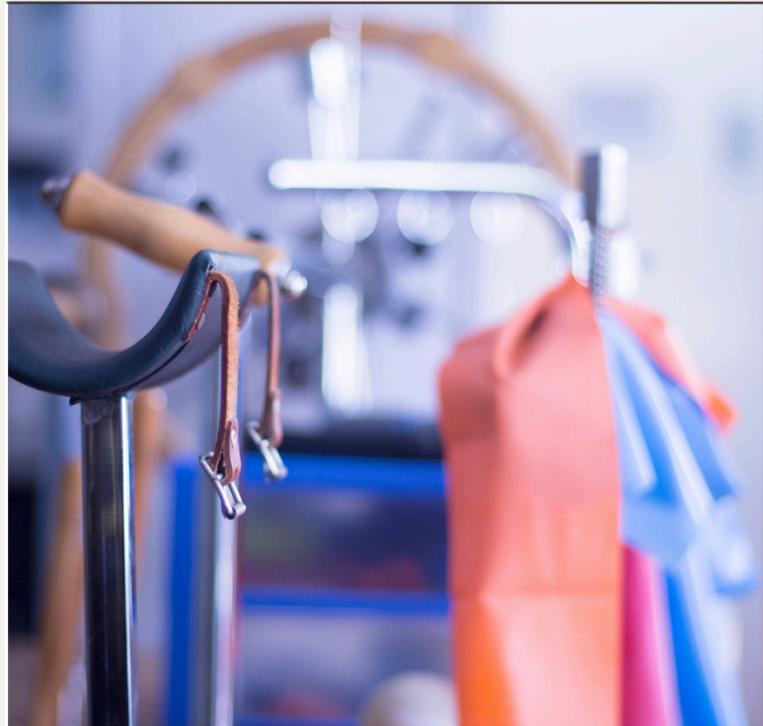
Teacher, 13 Years of Service

Debra Rein

Teacher, 21 Years of Service



OT-PT and Medicaid Services



Valerie Harrah
Physical Therapist,
25 Years of Service

Ozona Elementary

Vicky Drake

Food and Nutrition Cook Specialist
26 Years of Service



Palm Harbor University High



Diana Casias

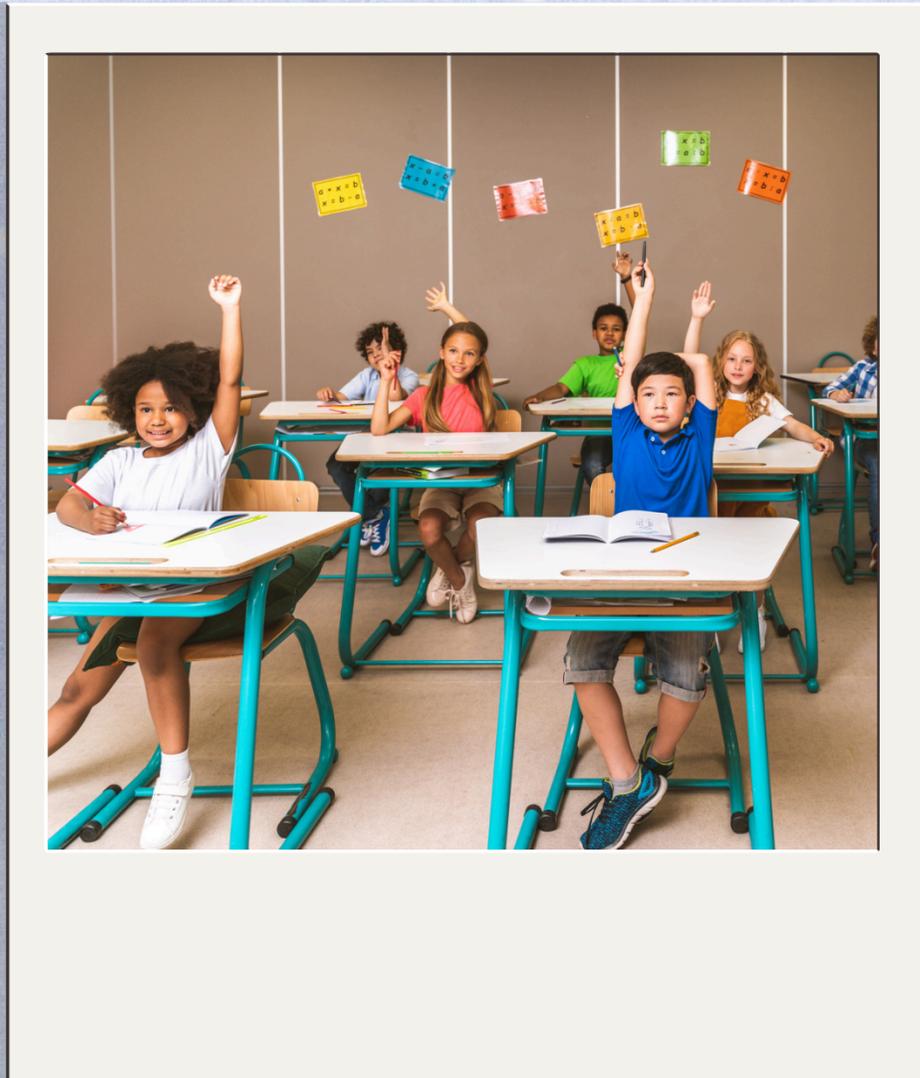
Senior Data Management Technician,
35 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: My first year I worked as a clerk for a middle school. We got state audited. The auditor spoke of me very highly when completing the exit meeting with Administration. I was very proud when this was relayed to me.

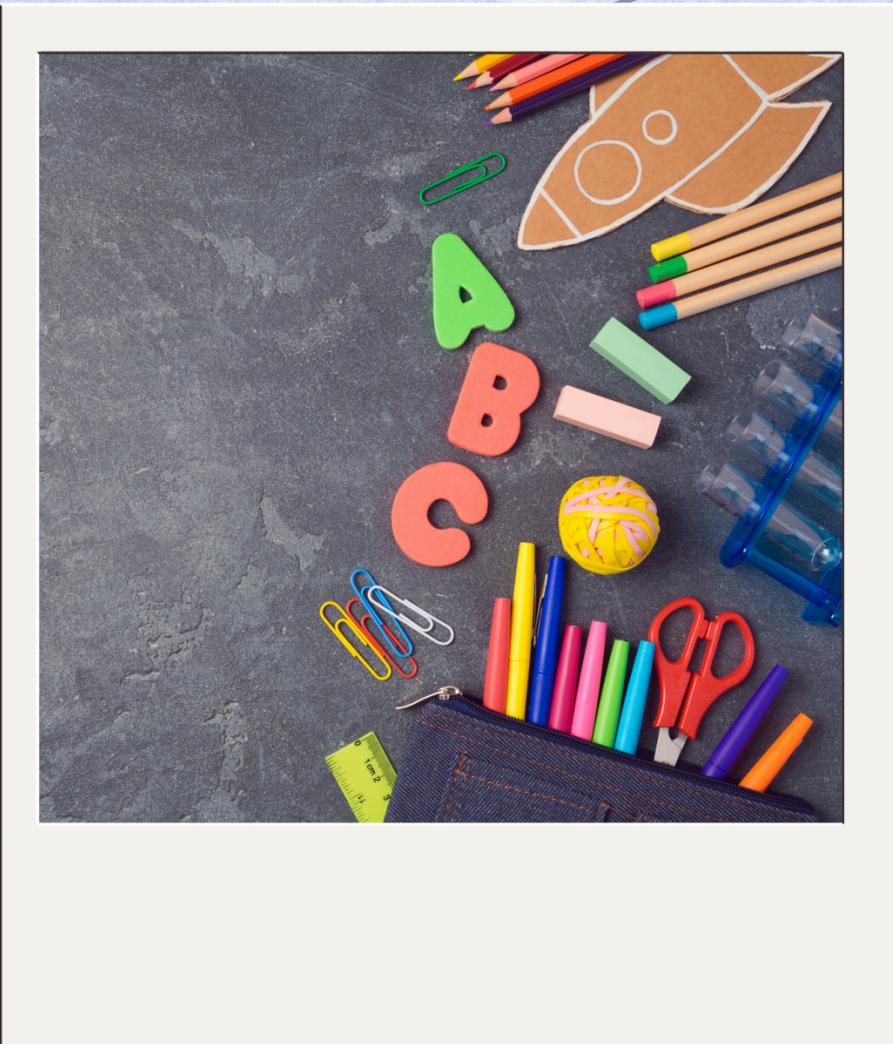
What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: Moving to TN, adopting a puppy and no alarm clocks!

Pasadena Fundamental Elementary

Lorena Gaskill
Teacher,
34 Years of Service



Paul B. Stephens School

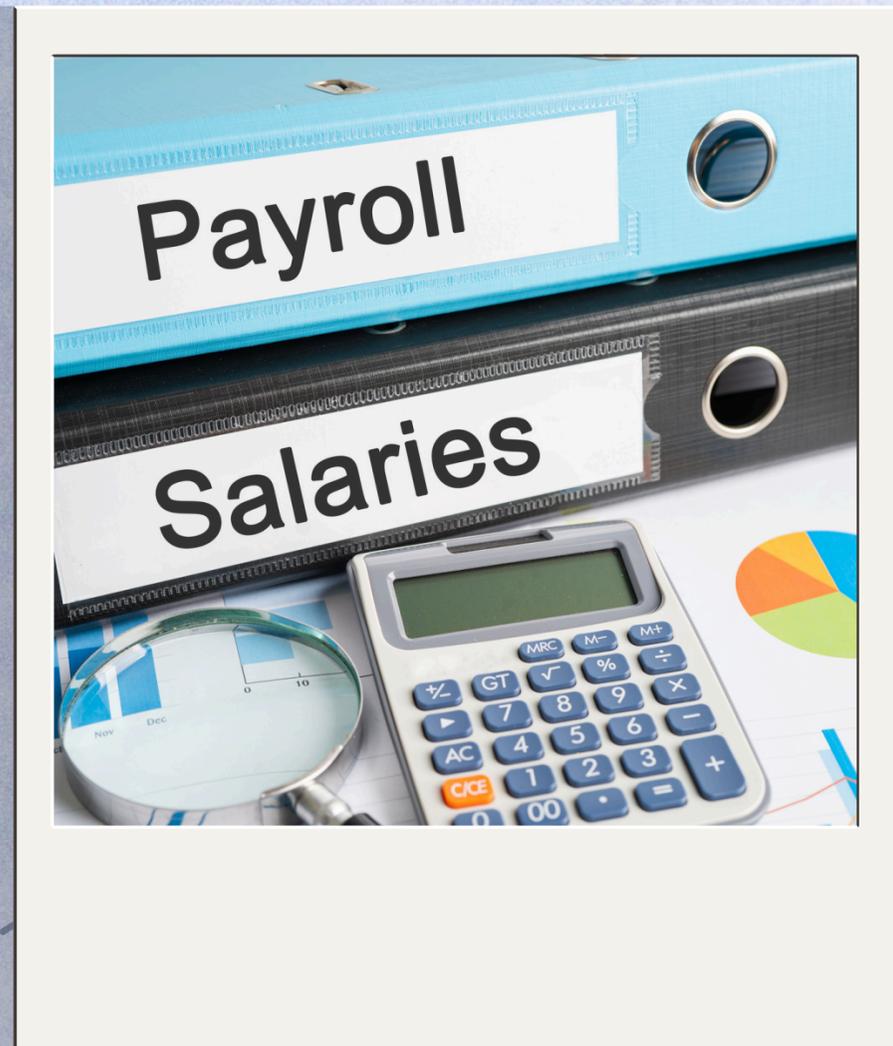


Mary Putzel
Teacher, 30 Years of Service

Payroll Services

Marioara Olda

Senior Payroll Technician,
30 Years of Service



Perkins Elementary



Amy Viegas
Teacher,
25 Years of Service



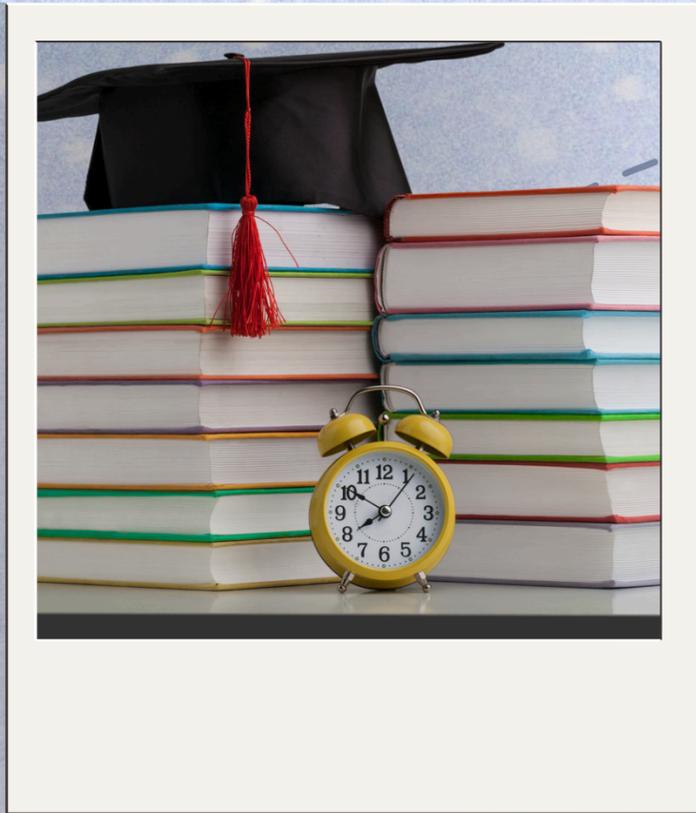
Pinellas Park Middle

Elizabeth Wright

Teacher, 21 Years of Service



Pinellas Technical College (St. Petersburg)



Sylester Norwood

Director, 31 Years of Service



Dolores Stabile

Teacher,
28 Years of Service



Susan Paradis
Financial Aid Specialist,
27 Years of Service



Ponce De Leon Elementary



Betty Pritchett

Food and Nutrition Assistant,
14 Years of Service

Professional Development



Pamela Kasardo

Senior Professional Development Coordinator,
24 Years of Service



Natalie Geldern

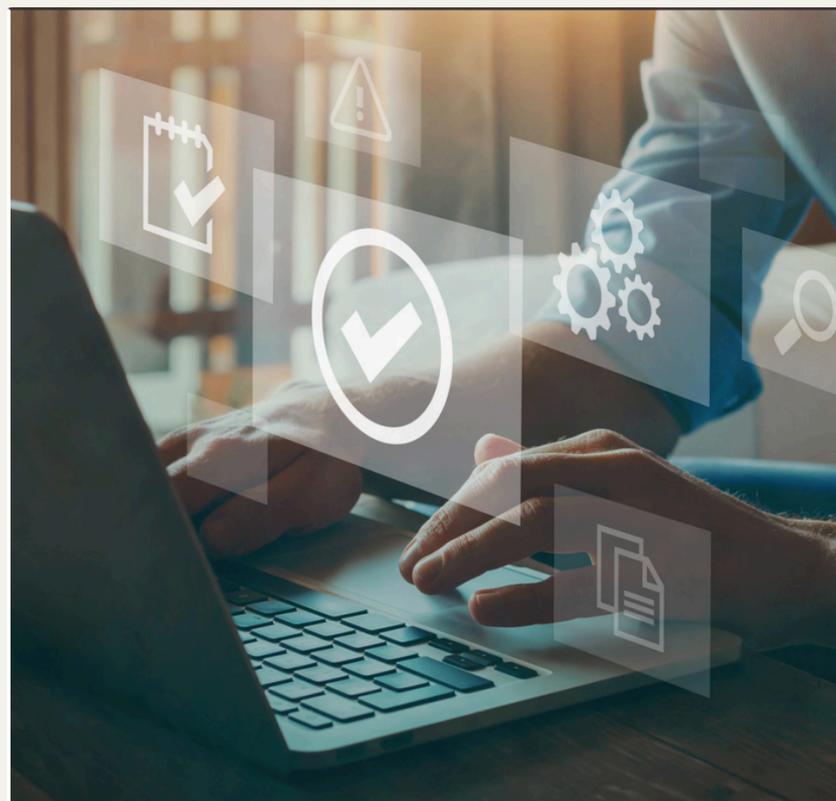
Certification Clerk,
29 Years of Service

Purchasing Department

Nancy Gaesser
Purchasing Analyst,
17 Years of Service



Records Management



Norma Webster

Clerk Typist II, 12 Years of Service

Richard L. Sanders School



Martha Bowman

School Office Clerk I,
26 Years of Service



Mary Paight

Teacher,
8 Years of Service



Susan Oliveto

Teacher,
18 Years of Service

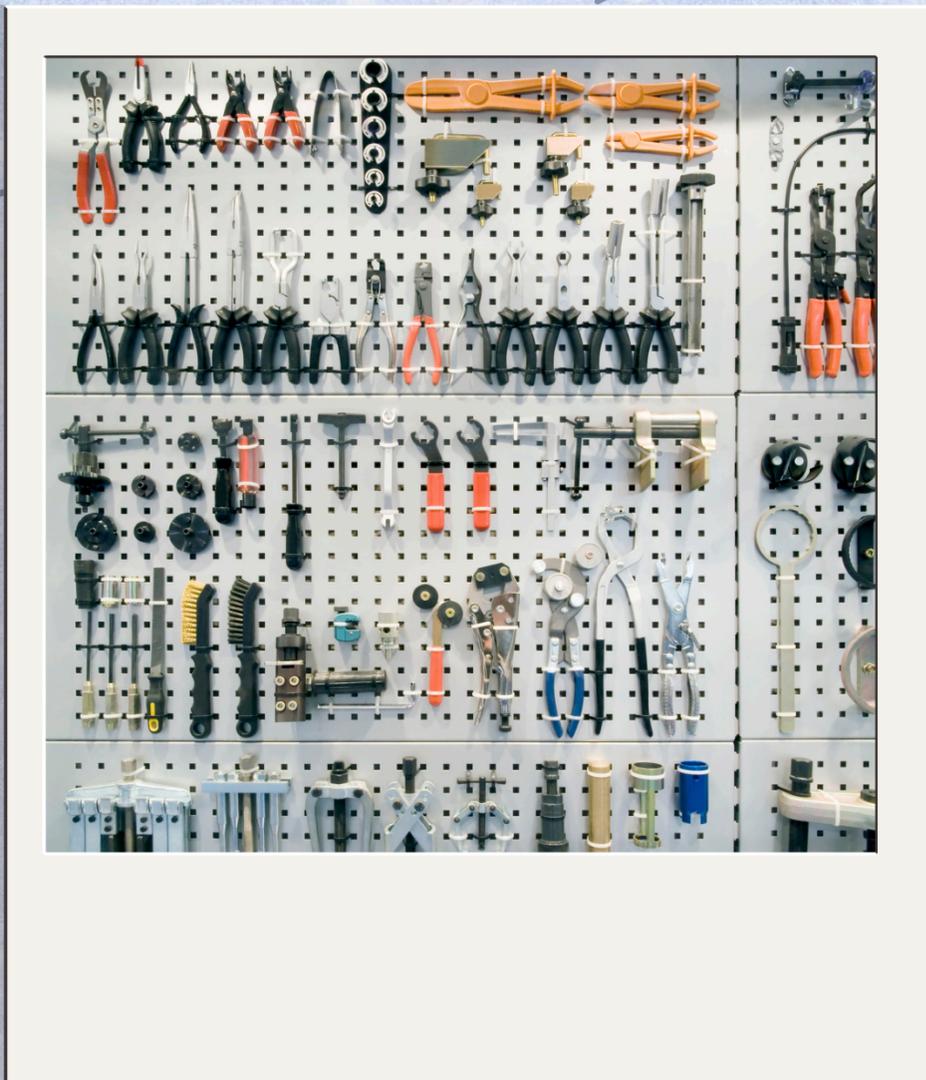
Ridgecrest Elementary

Kerry Marquis

Art Teacher, 15 Years of Service



Safety Harbor Middle



Robert Wheat

Plant Operator, 30 Years of Service

San Jose Elementary

Patrice Blackburn

Teacher, 20 Years of Service



Student & School Social Work Services

Susan Dye

Social Worker, 18 Years of Service



Holly Baumann

Social Worker
22 Years of Service



Student & School Social Work Services (continued)

MaryAnn Phillips

Social Worker, 25 Years of Service



Karen Marinari

Social Worker,
16 Years of Service

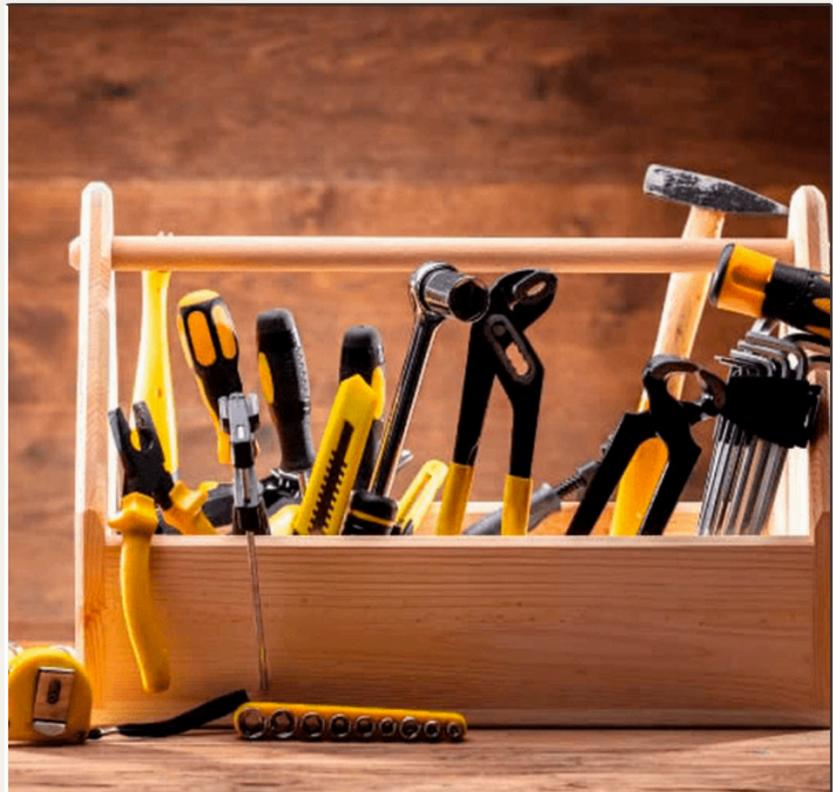


Seminole Elementary

Katrina Patterson
Teacher, 16 Years of Service



Seminole High



Ivanka Jovetic
Plant Operator, 23 Years of Service



Seminole Middle

Elizabeth Wright

Teacher, 10 Years of Service



Sexton Elementary



Janet Taylor

Registered Physical Therapy Assistant,
25 Years of Service

Skycrest Elementary



Marilyn White

Food and Nutrition Manager II,
11 Years of Service

Southern Oak Elementary

Nancy Glass

Teacher, 8 Years of Service



Special Projects



Johnetta Haugabrook
Coordinator, 33 Years of Service

Specialized Services



Noel Cherasaro

Teacher for Deaf & Hard of Hearing,
39 Years of Service

Lisa Curzio-Blake
School Counselor,
24 Years of Service



Specialized Services (continued)



Lisa Gjoen

Speech Language Pathologist,
39 Years of Service

Phyllis Powell-Willis

Speech Language Pathologist,
29 Years of Service



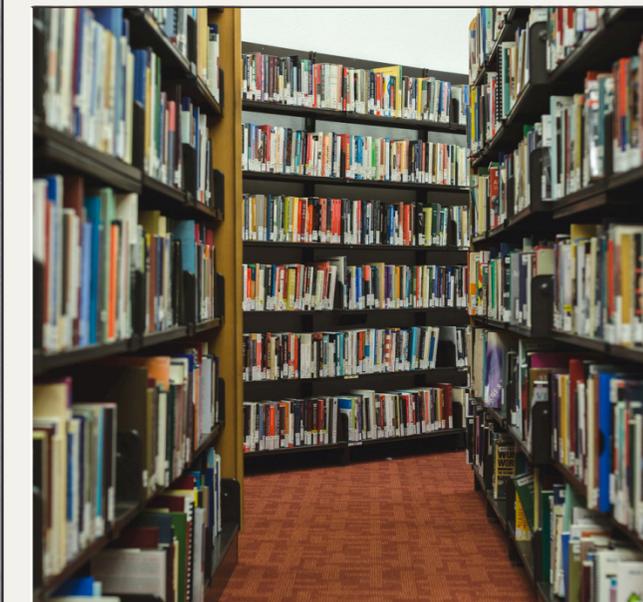
Cynthia Wathen

Educational Interpreter for
Deaf/Hard of Hearing II,
32 Years of Service

St. Petersburg High



David Lawhead
Teacher,
28 Years of Service



James Nuhn Jr.
Library Media Tech Specialist,
27 Years of Service



Bonnie Thompson
Teacher,
40 Years of Service

Starkey Elementary

Cindy Marcum

Physical Education Assistant,
25 Years of Service



Sunset Hills Elementary



Jeff Anerson
Plant Operator,
32 Years of Service

Debbie Dunn

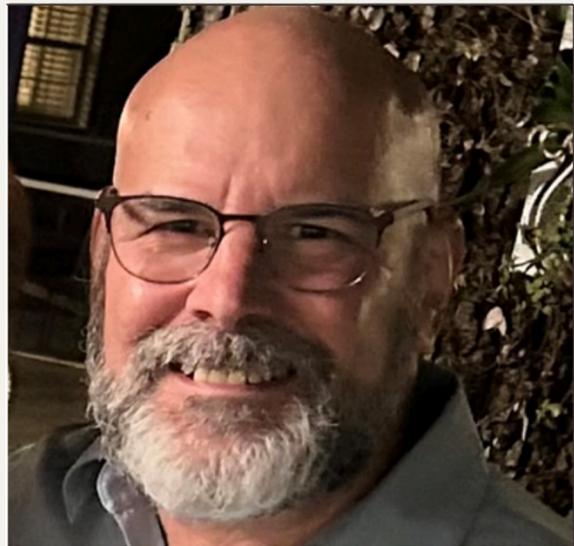
Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
22 Years of Service



David First

Food & Nutrition Manager I,
11 Years of Service

Tarpon Springs High



Kevin Bryant

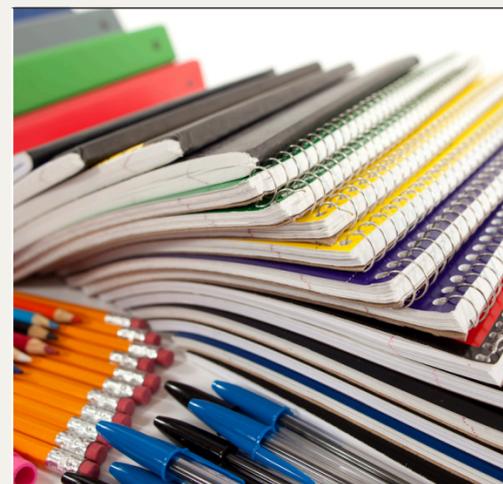
Plant Operator, 10 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: I enjoyed working with Todd Hayes, my boss. I also enjoyed working with and talking to the teachers about various things.

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: I am looking forward to doing some woodworking and playing golf. I also hope to travel.

Chris Fulton

Teacher,
24 Years of Service



Philip Mack

School Office Clerk II,
28 Years of Service

Technology Information Systems



Suzanne (Sue) Garces

Applications Administrator, 24 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: Wonderful coworkers.

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: Spending time with family and traveling.

Transportation Services



Riley Binz

Diesel Mechanic,
24 Years of Service

Linden Brown

Bus Driver Relief,
28 Years of Service



Transportation Services (continued)



Stephanie Holmes
Bus Driver Relief,
31 Years of Service



Debra Jones
Bus Assistant,
25 Years of Service



Axel Dietrich
Bus Driver,
21 Years of Service

Walsingham Elementary



John Henson

Teacher, 28 Years of Service

Larisa Pospelova

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
14 Years of Service



Woodlawn Elementary



Kizzie Bauford

Food and Nutrition Assistant,
8 Years of Service

TAKE THE FIRST STEP

**The first step
Is the hardest
Step to take.**

**Is to face it
Embrace it
In whatever you do**

**But once you take it
The next one
Becomes easier to make.**

**So take the first step, then
With hard work
With repetition
And with consistency**

**With every new
And unfamiliar thing
That you are
Trying to achieve**

**Your fears will
Gradually fade away
And for you
This will happen
Naturally.**

**Be Bold
Have confidence
And approach it Faithfully.**

-Roy Turner

**For anyone
To overcome
The fear
Of something new**

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